

**National Historical Publications and Records Commission:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 81-754, as amended by Public Law 93-536 and Public Law 100-365, appointed Senator Cardin to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, vice Senator Dodd. **Page S1391**

**National Commission on Children and Disasters:** The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 110-161, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the National Commission on Children and Disasters: Ernie Allen of Virginia and Mary Almeta Carlson of Alaska. **Page S1391**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an agreement between the United States and the Kingdom of Denmark on Social Security; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-39)

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**Record Votes:** One recorded vote was taken today. (Total—35) **Page S1365**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, February 29, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1391.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### HALLMARK/WESTLAND MEAT RECALL

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the recent Hallmark/Westland Meat Company meat recall, after receiving testimony from Ed Schafer, Secretary of Agriculture; and Wayne

Pacelle, Humane Society of the United States, and J. Patrick Boyle, American Meat Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for Department of the Navy, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Donald C. Winter, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Gary Roughead, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, and General James T. Conway, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

### SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual "Monetary Policy Report to the Congress", after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Mary E. Peters, Secretary, and Robert Sturgell, Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, both of the Department of Transportation.

### AMERICAN SAMOA AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS ECONOMIES

**Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of increased minimum wages on the economies of American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, after receiving testimony from Representative Faleomavaega; Jay Berman, Senior Economist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Department of Labor; Nikolao I. Pula, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Affairs; American Samoa Governor Togiola T.A. Tulafono, Pago Pago; and Governor Benigno R. Fitial, and Resident Representative Pedro A. Tenorio, both of Saipan, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

### LAND BILLS

**Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:** Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 177 and H.R. 2085, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the McGee

Creek Authority certain facilities of the McGee Creek Project, Oklahoma, S. 1473 and H.R. 1855, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Madera Irrigation District for purposes of supporting the Madera Water Supply Enhancement Project, S. 1474 and H.R. 1139, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to plan, design and construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, and other uses from the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin, Santa Ana River, California, S. 1929, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study of water augmentation alternatives in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed, S. 2370, to clear title to certain real property in New Mexico associated with the Middle Rio Grande Project, and H.R. 2381, to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, after receiving testimony from Representative Radanovich; Robert J. Quint, Director of Operations, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Mayor Mick Cornett, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; John Rossi, Western Municipal Water District, Riverside, California; Carl Janzen, Madera Irrigation District, Madera, California; and Charles Potucek, Upper San Pedro Partnership, Sierra Vista, Arizona.

#### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, focusing on the security of the nuclear power plants in the United States, after receiving testimony from Senators Specter and Casey; Dale E. Klein, Chairman, and Gregory B. Jaczko, and Peter B. Lyons, both Commissioners, all of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Christopher Crane, Exelon Corporation, Warrenville, Illinois; Eric F. Wilson, G4S Regulated Security Solutions, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; David A. Lochbaum, Nuclear Safety Project, on behalf of the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), and Marvin Fertel, Nuclear Energy Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

#### REAL ESTATE MARKET

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the real estate market, focusing on building a strong economy, after receiving testimony from Lawrence B. Lindsey, Lindsey Group, and David Seiders, National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), both of Washington, D.C.; Timothy H. Callahan, Callahan Capital Partners, Denver, Colorado, on behalf of the Real Estate Roundtable; and Jeffrey H. Schwartz, ProLogis, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts.

#### POST-ELECTION PAKISTAN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the policy options of the United States in post-election Pakistan, after receiving testimony from John D. Negroponte, Deputy Secretary of State.

#### VISA WAIVER PROGRAM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine weaknesses in the visa waiver program, focusing on possible safeguards needed to protect the United States of America, including the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-53), after receiving testimony from Paul Rosenzweig, Acting Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Department of Homeland Security; Stephen A. Tony Edson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Services; Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Susan Ginsburg, Migration Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Jessica M. Vaughan, Center for Immigration Studies, Franklin, Massachusetts.

#### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.